

Summer 2013 Ranger Program Schedule

May 26 – September 2

A = Accessible Program

- ➔ Programs may be cancelled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions
- ➔ Pets are discouraged on interpretive programs.
- ➔ Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes

North District – Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6), Mathews Arm (mile 22.2), and Elkwallow (mile 24.1)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk Learn about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, 20-30 minutes</i>	A	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Wild About Bears Learn about Shenandoah's largest mammal. <i>Elkwallow Wayside, 20-30 minutes</i>	A	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Snead Farm Stroll Discover what makes Shenandoah a unique place on this leisurely hike. <i>Meet at the south end of Dickey Ridge Picnic Grounds, 2 hrs, 1.5 miles</i>			3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.	
Mount Marshall Hike Hike along the historic Appalachian Trail to a spectacular view of the Shenandoah Valley from the summit of Mount Marshall. <i>Meet at Mount Marshall Parking Lot (mile 15.9), 2 hrs, 1.5 miles</i>		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.
Junior Ranger Program Discover what makes Shenandoah special during this hands-on, interactive program designed for youth and families. Ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Meet at parking area near Mathews Arm Campground Entrance Kiosk, 1.5 hours, less than 1 mile</i>								4:30 p.m.
Mathews Arm Ranger Talk Relax and uncover the diversity of Shenandoah. Check at visitor centers for specific topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. Please bring a camp chair, if you have one. <i>Mathews Arm Campground, 45 minutes</i>	A							7:30 p.m.

Central District – Skyland (mile 41.7 and 42.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Stony Man Hike From a historic copper mine to home for rare and vulnerable animals and plants, Stony Man has stories to tell. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hours, moderate, 2-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Ancient Volcano Hike From the volcanoes of the ancient past to the dramatic landscape of today, Shenandoah National Park preserves the story of an ever-changing earth. <i>Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3), 2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike</i>		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
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Massanutten Lodge Open House Experience the stories of early Skyland Resort as you explore the restored bungalow of Addie Pollock. Stop in anytime between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. <i>Located at Skyland (lower road)</i>	A	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Skyland Evening Program Experience a National Park tradition by joining a Ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. Check visitor centers for specific topics. <i>Skyland Amphitheater, 45 minutes</i>	A		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

Central District – Big Meadows (mile 51) and Lewis Mountain (mile 57.6)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Birds of Prey Meet a live raptor and learn why protected lands like Shenandoah are vital to its survival. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 30 minutes</i>	A	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Meadow Walk Discover the wonders of a rare high-elevation wetland meadow on this gentle walk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hours, easy, 1 mile</i>		11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Historic Rapidan Camp Tour Travel by bus 30 minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Visit the restored President's cabin. <i>Reserve up to a week in advance by phone (540-999-3500, ext. 3283) or in person at Byrd Visitor Center. Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2.5 hours, 12-person limit</i>	A	1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.				1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.		1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bears, Bats, Bobcats, and More Celebrate the wild things of Shenandoah during this talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>	A	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Appalachian Trail Hike Experience the legendary mountain trail on this mostly level hike. <i>Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8), 2 hours, 2.1 miles.</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
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Evening Meadow Walk Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1 hour</i>			7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.			
Lewis Mountain Ranger Talk Relax and join us for an exploration of the unique natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Please bring a camp chair, if you have one. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds, 45 minutes.</i>	A						7:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows Evening Program Join a Ranger for a program on the wonders of Shenandoah National Park. Check visitor centers for specific topics. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes</i>	A	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.

South District – Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Blackrock Summit Hike Learn about Shenandoah's unique cultural and natural history on this short hike to Blackrock summit. <i>Blackrock Summit Parking Area (mile 84.8).</i> <i>1.5 hours, moderate, 1 mile</i>		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
	A	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
	A						8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Loft Mountain Evening Program Spend an evening discovering the many wonders of Shenandoah National Park. Check visitor centers for specific topics. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 minutes</i>								